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Attention: All Anesthesia Providers

Effective for claims processed July 1, 2004 and after, anesthesia providers must submit the UPIN number of the referring or attending physician on the claim. If providers file on paper, the UPIN number should be populated in block 17a of the HCFA 1500 form.

For those who file electronically, you should submit the referring or attending physician's UPIN number in REF02 and the ID qualifier 1G in REF01 of the 837P. Claims for anesthesia providers not containing this information will deny.

For anesthesia providers who file electronically using Provider Electronic Solutions software, version 2.03 must be downloaded to accommodate this change. Vendors have been advised of this change via an alert. If you are using a software vendor to submit your claims, please check with your vendor to make sure they can begin accepting this information from you for claims submitted on or after July 1, 2004.

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